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Sir:

A Petition and Fee for a one-month Extension of Time accompanies this paper.

In response to the written restriction requirement dated September 5, 2006, the Applicants are hereby submitting this Preliminary Amendment and Election. Please note that the Election is summarized in the Remarks Section of this Paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.